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MEMORANDUM FOR COMOR INDICATIONS TASK FORCE

SUBJECT: Warning Targets and EEI

- 1. The following is submitted in response to the need for specific identification of targets in the USSR and the related EEI which may be useful in providing information bearing on Soviet hostile intentions. These are based on collection by a satellite reconnaissance vehicle employing photographic imagery for sensing and recording the data. For other sensing techniques, the targets would vary and the EEI could be substantially different. The target lists include known operating bases and areas and the EEI are derived from the limited data base available concerning their operational activities. Photographic coverage of these targets to-date has been intermittent with weeks or months between coverage thus precluding the determination of what constitutes a normal activity level. It would be necessary to develop such a data base of normal activities against which to compare each succeeding photo for purposes of detecting variations from normal. A photo-reconnaissance system operated for warning purposes would, therefore, be required initially to establish a data base and in so doing, the following listed EEI might well be expanded to include activities which cannot now be specified.
- 2. The following targets and EEI apply primarily to a deliberate initiation of hostilities preceded by a deployment of strategic attack forces. In the context of a surprise attack employing ICBMs there might still be detectable deployment of submarines and long range aviation to reduce the destruction from an anticipated retaliatory strike but the time interval could be reduced to a few hours.

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